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HE-MAN AND THE MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE®

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I DREAMT LAST NIGHT THAT I WAS SOMEONE ELSE.

SOMEONE MIGHTY.

SOMEONE BRAVE.

A HERO.

THE SEEKER

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I DREAMT HE FOUGHT A GREAT AND TERRIBLE THREAT TO HIS WORLD.

WITH ITS LEADER THE EMBODIMENT OF EVIL.

THE HERO THAT I WAS, AND MY ENEMY TOO, BOTH OF US HAD OTHERS ON OUR SIDES...

...THAT FOUGHT EACH OTHER, ALL OF THEM WITH THEIR OWN SPECIFIC POWERS AND TALENTS.

YES, I DREAMT THIS BATTLE AND IT WAS GLORIOUS.

AND WITH GOOD ALWAYS WINNING.

YES, IT WAS A GOOD DREAM BUT ONLY THAT. A DREAM. A FANCY. A PICTURE.

NOTHING MORE.

AWAKING, I'M REMINDED WHO I REALLY AM, THOUGH I TAKE NO PRIDE IN ADMITTING IT.

I AM ADAM, A WOODSMAN, AND THAT IS ALL. SIMPLE.

WITHOUT THE POWER OR INDEED THE VALOR...

...TO CHANGE THIS HORRIBLE WORLD.

ADAM? I'M HUNGRY, ADAM.

IS THIS THE GOOD CHINA? I ALWAYS EAT BREAKFAST ON THE GOOD CHINA, YOU KNOW THAT, ADAM.

MY FATHER FEDOR WAS THE WOODSMAN HERE BEFORE ME.

HIS MIND BEGAN TO ROAM A FEW YEARS BACK AND OF LATE IT SEEMS TO HAVE WANDERED AWAY FOR GOOD.

HERE, FATHER. FROM THE ROYAL KITCHENS AND ON OUR BEST CHINA.

I REMEMBER WHEN HE WAS A VIGOROUS AND SAGE MAN, MY FATHER. I REMEMBER--

NO. UPON REFLECTION, I'M NOT SURE WHAT I REMEMBER. MY LIFE, THE WOODS...

AT TIMES IT ALL SEEMS SO... VAGUE.

IT'S FINE. I SUPPOSE.

WHY WOULD A WOODSMAN LIKE ME NEED GREATER CLARITY THAN THE TREES AND MY AX?

NOT THAT I WOULDN'T WELCOME A CLEARER PATH IN LIFE...IF SOMEONE...

OH...

...OR SOMETHING... WERE TO SHOW ME THE WAY.

HELLO, YOU.

IT APPEARS I'VE MADE A FRIEND.

FUNNY...

...AS I LOOK AT IT, IT'S LIKE I'VE KNOWN THIS FALCON FOREVER.

IN FACT...

I KNOW YOUR NAME. I JUST REALIZED, IT'S AS CLEAR IN MIND AS IF YOU TOLD ME YOURSELF.

ZOAR.

GO ON, OFF YOU FLY. COME SEE ME TOMORROW.

THOUGH I WONDER...

...WHERE DO YOU GO?

I KNOW WHAT I MUST DO.

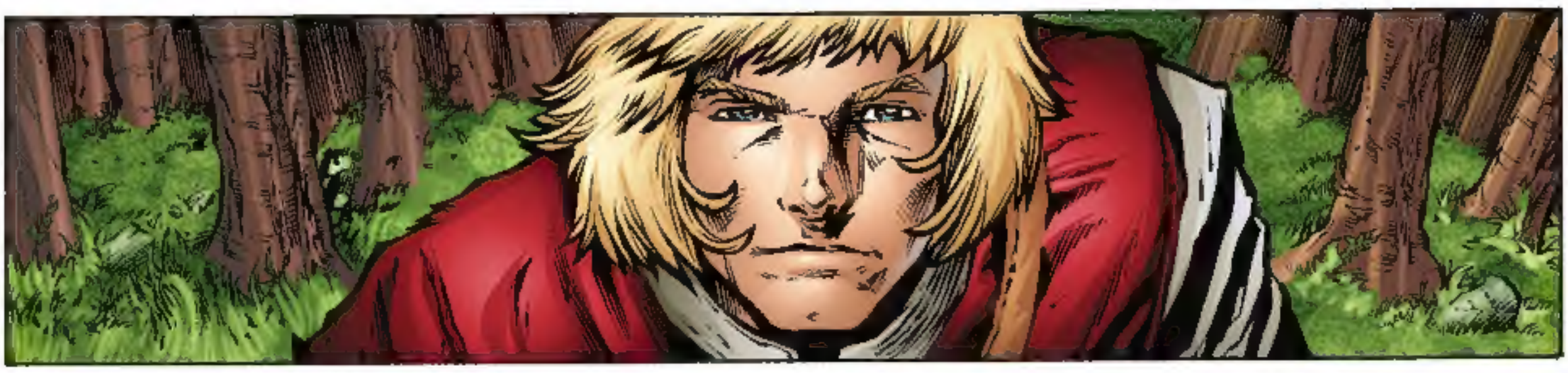
I REALLY AM IN YOUR DEBT, MA'AM, FOR LOOKING AFTER MY FATHER WHILE I'M GONE.

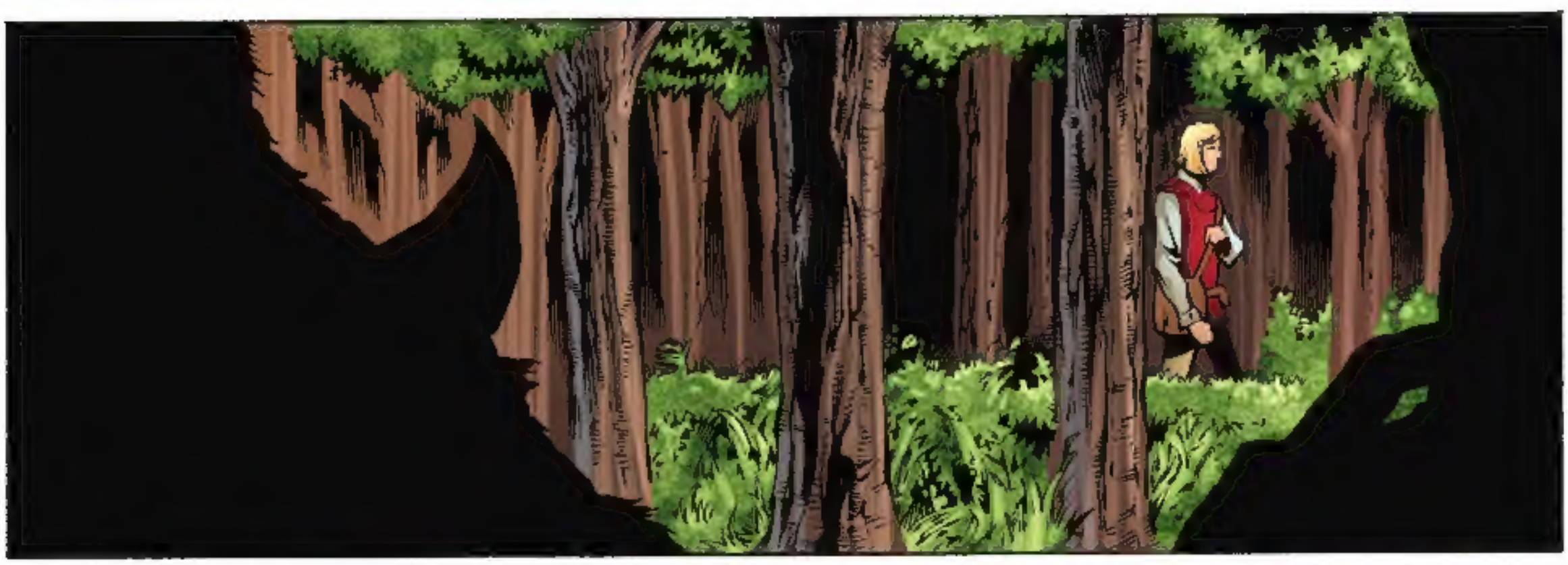
NO TROUBLE AT ALL, ADAM, YOU'RE ALWAYS DOING CHORES FOR ME, AFTER ALL, AND MY CABIN'S NOT THAT LONG A WALK FROM HERE.

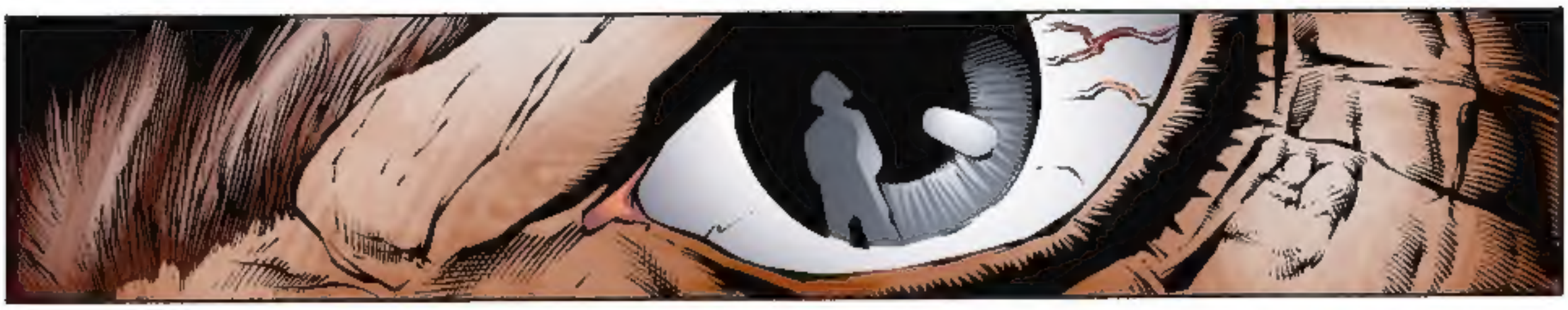
BUT I CONFESS I'M CURIOUS WHY YOU'RE GOING AT ALL. WHY WOULD YOU LEAVE THE WOODS, YOUR HOME?

WHY? SIMPLE. YES, THE WOODS ARE HOME...BUT SUDDENLY I'M FILLED WITH A NEED I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND...

"...TO GO OUT INTO THE WORLD."







IF I WAS YOU, I'D TURN AROUND...

...FOR YOUR OWN SAKE.

NO! IT CAN'T--THIS IS INSANITY!

WHO ARE YOU? WHAT ARE YOU?

WAIT--HOW-- WHY DOES HE EVEN KNOW WHO I AM?

YOU'RE MISTAKEN...YOU HAVE TO BE... DIFFERENT ADAM.

I'M JUST A WOODS-MAN!

JUST DEAD WHEN BEAST MAN IS DONE WITH YOU!

GET BACK!

GRRRR... YOU WANT TO MAKE THIS FUN FOR ME, EH?

NO! NO, I--

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO FIGHT HIM.

I SHOULD...

...SHOULD...

...RUN!

RHAAA

HAVE TO USE WHAT I DO KNOW...

NO ESCAPE!

...THE SKILLS I HAVE!

...THE WOOD AND MY AX IN IT!

NHRRR

I'M SURPRISING MYSELF...

...BETTER AT THIS THAN I THOUGHT.

GRRR... I'LL GET YOU, ADAM...

...GET YOU AND GUT YOU!

YOU HEAR ME!

HEAR YOU?

THE WHOLE OF ETERNIA CAN HEAR YOU!

ARMHGRRRR

I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

HE GOT ME, SURE...

...BUT I GOT HIM TOO. DREW BLOOD!

I CAN...MAYBE...

GRAAHHH!

...I CAN...

...BEAT HIM.

FOCUS, ADAM. YOUR OWN FEAR...

...IT'S MORE HARMFUL TO YOU THAN THIS BEAST MAN CREATURE...MAKING YOU LOSE THIS FIGHT BEFORE IT'S EVEN OVER.

YES, FOCUS...

AND USE THE SKILLS I HAVE...

...THE WOOD...

...AND MY AX IN IT!

NOW--

MISSED ME, ADAM!

FOOL, DON'T YOU SEE THAT--

NO BEASTMAN, IT'S YOU WHO DOESN'T SEE...

...IT WASN'T YOU I WAS AIMING AT TO BEGIN WITH!

ARRRHHHH!

GRARGH!

QUIET. ENOUGH.

YOU WERE A LOT OF HELP.

THERE IS A QUESTION THAT BEARS REPEATING, THOUGH...

...HOW DID BEASTMAN KNOW WHO I WAS?...AND WHY?...

...AND WHY DIDN'T HE WANT ME TO VENTURE FROM THE FOREST?

LEAD ON, ZOAR! SHOW ME THE WAY!

ADAM MUST BE STOPPED. AND QUICKLY!

THE FURTHER HE GOES, THE MORE HE MAY FIND OUT.

SPREAD THE WORD! TELL THEM ADAM MUST BE STOPPED... ALIVE OR DEAD IT IS OF NO MATTER.

TELL THEM, LORD? TELL WHO?

EVERYONE!

NEXT: THE FATE OF TEELA!

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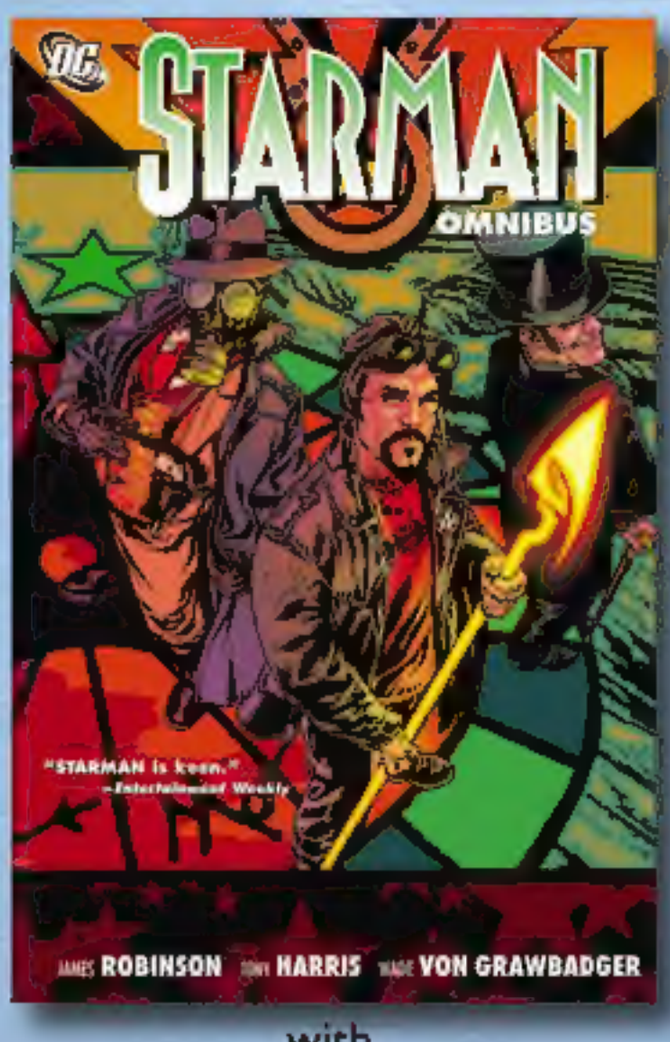

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